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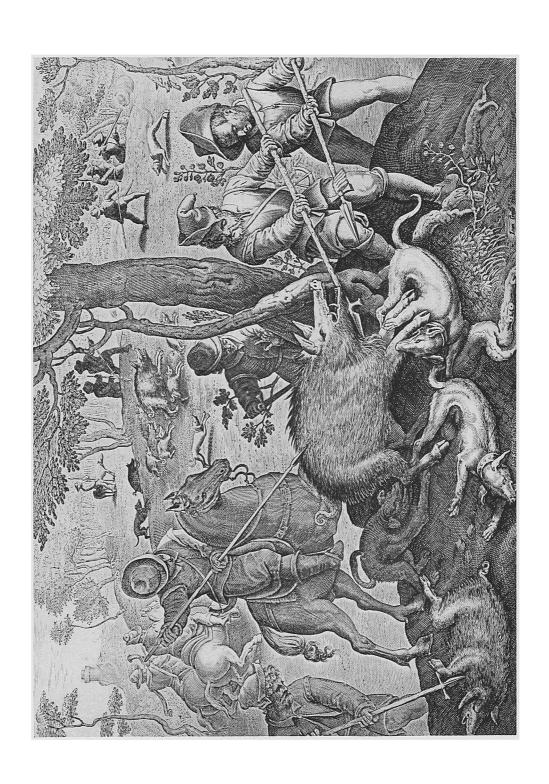
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## THE WILD-BOAR HUNT

The killing of wild-boar still is one of the sports of Germany and there are pictures of the German Emperor giving the coup de grâce to a boar with his hunting spear, and pictures of him and his hunting party, in picturesque huntsman costumes, standing in a group with their bag of boar on the ground before them.

Boar are still hunted with dogs, as in the picture opposite, which dates from about 1566, but the rifle has taken the place of the spear, although the latter is still used to "finish off" a wounded boar. With the German Emperor the battue for wild boar is the favorite method.

In his "Sporting Rambles" (1853) St. John tells both of tracking boar with dog and of the battue in Germany. The costume of the hunters he describes as consisting of a green "Tegern See" hat, with the tail-feathers of a blackcock fastened to it by a bunch of chamois hair; loose grey Tyrolese coat and trousers; warm green over-stockings to above the knee, and then a pair of Russian leather boots, capable of being pulled up nearly to the hips. Very different in appearance are these hunters from those shown in the picture.

St. John's jäger was wounded by a boar in hunting with dog. Later, at a battue, a driven boar charged slap at him. A shot took effect in the animal's spine, and brought him to his haunches. A second shot broke off one of his tusks, but did not injure him otherwise; so St. John gave him the coup de grâce with his hunting blade.